

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for receiving performance information over a network for
2 generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:
3 detecting a need for the performance information;
4 selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and
5 executing the process.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting a need for the performance
2 information comprises one or more of:
3 determining a time of a previous information reception event;
4 detecting a status of a storage device; and
5 accessing a profile.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:
2 a type of information desired by an end-user;
3 a schedule of an end-user; and
4 scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance
5 transmitter.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises
2 determining whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the determining whether a performance
2 transmitter can receive an information request comprises one or more of:
3 transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;
4 passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and
5 accessing a profile.
- 1 6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
2 generating an information request; and
3 transmitting the request to the performance transmitter via the network.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises
2 determining an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the pseudo-live
2 performance by mixing information corresponding to one or more portions of the needed
3 performance information with other information.

1 9. The method of claim 8, the generating the pseudo-live performance
2 comprising:

3 retrieving the other information;
4 decoding one or more commands of the other information; and
5 performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the one or more commands includes one
2 or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping
3 commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance
4 commands that reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a
5 storage device.

1 11. A method for transmitting performance information over a network,
2 comprising one or more of:

3 transmitting the performance information in response to a request received
4 via the network;

5 transmitting the performance information periodically; and

6 transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:

7 a capability to respond to individual requests; and

8 a predetermined time when the performance information will be
9 transmitted.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is
2 transmitted by a performance reproduction device.

1 13. The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is
2 transmitted by an original source of the performance information.

1 14. A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:
2 detects a need for performance information;
3 selects a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and
4 executes the process.

1 15. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller
2 detects the need for the performance information by one or more of:

3 determining a time of a previous information reception event;

4 detecting a status of a storage device; and
5 accessing a profile.

1 16. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 15, wherein the profile
2 indicates one or more of:

3 a type of information desired by an end-user;
4 a schedule of an end-user; and
5 scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance
6 transmitter.

1 17. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller
2 determines whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

1 18. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, wherein the controller
2 performs one or more of:

3 transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;
4 passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and
5 accessing a profile.

1 19. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, further comprising:
2 a request generator that generates an information request, wherein the
3 controller transmits the request to the performance transmitter via the network.

1 20. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller
2 determines an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.

1 21. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller
2 generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing information corresponding to one or
3 more portions of the needed performance information with other information.

1 22. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 21, wherein the
2 controller:

3 retrieves the other information;
4 decodes one or more commands of the other information; and
5 performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1 23. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 22, wherein the one or
2 more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a
3 software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored

4 information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or
5 more specified locations of a storage device.

1 ~~24.~~ A pseudo-live performance transmitter, comprising:
2 a transmitter; and
3 a controller coupled to the transmitter, the controller performing one or
4 more of:
5 transmitting performance information in response to a request
6 received via the network;
7 transmitting performance information periodically; and
8 transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:
9 a capability to respond to individual requests; and
10 a predetermined time when the performance information
11 will be transmitted.